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JUDICIARY OFFERS FREE INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR ON ELDER LAW

The Hawai'i State Judiciary is sponsoring a free public informational session, "Elder Law Hawai'i Update," from 12:00 noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2003, in the Supreme Court Courtroom, 417 South King Street. (Please note that this session was originally scheduled to be held on November 26, 2003.)

James Pietsch, director of the University of Hawai'i Elder Law Program, will discuss issues in elder law and caregiving. A new handbook, entitled *Deciding What If? A legal handbook for Hawaii's older persons and caregivers*, will be provided.

Pietsch, who received his law degree from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., is a professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law and adjunct professor of geriatric medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. He is the co-author of *The Elder Law Hawai'i Handbook* and co-editor of *Cultural Issues in End of Life Decision Making*.

The "Lunch 'n' Learn the Law" program is a series of free informational seminars for the general public featuring topics on specific areas of the law and the courts. Volunteer presenters include judges, attorneys, court officials, and other subject-matter experts.

For more information, contact the Judiciary's Public Affairs Office at 539-4909.

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